



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the FBI and BIA announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:** United States District Court Judge Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Mark Decora to 18 months imprisonment following his conviction for assaulting his girlfriend on the Winnebago Indian Reservation. Decora was further ordered to serve one year on supervised release.

On April 25, 2009, DeCora became angry when his girlfriend left his residence and went to visit her mother and ex-boyfriend. DeCora tracked his girlfriend to her mother's residence. While at the mother's residence, DeCora displayed a small sword, grabbed his girlfriend by the hair and forced her out of the residence and into his car. Decora then punched his girlfriend in the head several times while driving her back to his residence. DeCora also forcibly held his girlfriend down on a bed while he determined how to respond to the Winnebago Police who had arrived at his residence. DeCora surrendered peaceably to the police after they were let inside by DeCora's father who also resided at that location.

**Name of Defendant:** Mark Lee DeCora, Jr.

**AKA:**

**Age:** 23

**City of residence:** Winnebago, Nebraska

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): The defendant was charged with three counts of assault by striking, beating or wounding. Each count is punishable by a maximum term of six months of imprisonment and/or a \$5,000 fine.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Winnebago, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** Winnebago, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:**

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** April 25, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** May 26, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** May 21, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** May 27, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Guilty plea entered on October 8, 2009

**Sentencing Date:** January 4, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:**

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Honorable F.A. Gossett, III

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** The defendant was initially release on bond, but his bond was revoked on September 15, 2009.

**In Continuous Custody Since:**

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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